

Application No.: 10/501,915
Reply to Office Action of: December 8, 2006

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 2, 3, 4 and 7 have been canceled. The limitations of Claim 4 have been included in Claim 1.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-21 will now be active in this application.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wu for allowing Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-17 and for the helpful discussion on February 22, 2007, regarding amended Claim 18.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The present invention as set forth in **amended Claim 18** relates to a process for producing an LC effect printed article, which comprises:

applying the two-component system as claimed in claim 15 to said article with a printer;

optionally orienting said miniemulsions, optionally drying and polymerizing said miniemulsions.

US 5,730,899, US 5,798,147 or equivalent WO 96/02597, US 6,616,990 and US 6,204,900 fail to disclose a process as claimed. In addition, Claim 18 depends indirectly on allowed Claim 1 and thus should be allowable as well.

Therefore, the rejection of Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by US 5,730,899, US 5,798,147 or equivalent WO 96/02597, US 6,616,990 and US 6,204,900 is believed to be unsustainable as the present invention is neither anticipated nor obvious and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 3, 13 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, is partly obviated by the amendment of Claim 13 and partly moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 3 and 19-21.

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This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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